



Legislative Update

1-30-14

Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

SB 699 **Pearce** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into an interstate distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of Missouri. For Midwestern states such as Missouri, the state authorization reciprocity agreement process is administered by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. The bill also grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules necessary for Missouri to participate in the reciprocity agreement.

Bill History: First Read: 1-13-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-30-14

HB 1389 **Thomson** **Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education: Interstate Reciprocity for Distance Education:** Authorizes the CBHE to enter into an interstate distance education reciprocity agreement on behalf of Missouri. For Midwestern states such as Missouri, the state authorization reciprocity agreement process is administered by the Midwest Higher Education Compact. The bill also grants authority to CBHE to promulgate rules necessary for Missouri to participate in the reciprocity agreement.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-22-14

SB 492 **Pearce** **State Funding for Higher Education Institutions:** Requires all funding above the previous year core for the public four-year institutions and Linn State Technical College to be distributed through a resource allocation model approved by the CBHE. The resource allocation model must distribute at least 90 percent of the new funds based on institutional performance.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to S Education: 1-9-15; Hearing: 1-15-14; SCS voted Do Pass Senate Education Committee: 1-22-14; Reported from Senate Education Committee to Floor w/SCS: 1-28-14; Senate Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection, with SCS:

SB 494 **Pearce** **State Student Aid Study:** Requires the Joint Committee on Education to conduct a study of the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight), the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program, and the A+ Schools Program by November 1, 2014. The study must include, but not be limited to, eligibility requirements for each program, acceptance of aid by eligible students, and retention and graduation rates of recipients. Also adds public institutions of higher education to the entities which the JCE may make reasonable requests for staff assistance.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-1-13; Referred to Senate Education: 1-9-14

SB 605 **Dixon** **Higher Education Clean Up Bill:** Updates references to higher education statutes that have been repealed. Several statutes contain references to sections 173.205 and 173.215, which were repealed in 2007. This act removes these references and replaces them with references to either section 173.1102 or section 173.1104, as appropriate.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-4-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-16-14; Senate Education Committee Hearing: 1-29-14

SB 679 **Curls** **Parental Support for Higher Education:** Modifies laws regarding educational parental support for higher education.

Bill History: First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families, and Pensions Committee: 1-30-14

SB 722 **Justus** **MO Tuition Equity Act:** Requires colleges and universities to consider an individual a Missouri resident for tuition, fees, and admission purposes based on graduated from a Missouri high school if they attended a Missouri high school for at least two years. The individual must have entered the US prior to enactment and, if not a citizen or permanent resident, must provide an affidavit confirming the intent to become a permanent resident.

Bill History: First Read: 1-14-14; Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-30-14

SB 729 Romine

Tax Credits for Innovation Campuses: Provides a tax credit for donations to Innovation Education Campuses as defined in the bill. The tax credit would be for one-half of the donation but could not exceed current year tax liability of the donating entity.

Bill History: First Read: 1-15-14

HB 1232 Haahr

Show-Me Future Program Pilot: Directs the MDHE to determine the feasibility of a pilot program to study the impact of replacing traditional higher education tuition with a system that would enable graduates to repay higher education costs with a percentage of their income for a specified period of time.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-16-14

HB 1247 Wood

A+ Dual Credit Requires DHE to develop a procedure to reimburse students in the A+ program for the cost of books and academic fees based on dual credit tuition and fees paid by the student while in high school.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-8-14; Second Read: 1-9-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary: 1-16-14; House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee Hearing: 1-29-14

HB 1279 English

A+ Expansion: Expands the A+ scholarship program to include any high school graduate, public or private, regardless of whether the school was designated as an A+ school.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee: 1-16-14

HB 1308 Thompson

Bright Flight Expansion: Revises student eligibility requirements for the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (Bright

Flight) and adds a forgivable loan component to the program.

Bill History: Introduced: 1-9-14; Second Read: 1-13-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-16-14; House Higher Education Hearing: 1-29-14

HB 1377

Walker

Public Safety Officer Survivor Program Expansion: Adds emergency medical technicians to the list of public safety officers eligible for this survivor's and disabled employee's education grant program.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-28-14

HB 1383

Peters

In-state Tuition for Military: Grants in-state tuition eligibility for active duty military personnel and national guard.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-28-14

HB 1390

Thomson

State Funding for Higher Education Institutions: Requires all funding above the previous year core for all public institutions (community colleges, four-year institutions and Linn State Technical College) to be distributed through a resource allocation model approved by the CBHE. That model must allocate at least 90 percent of the new funds based on institutional performance.

Bill History: Introduced:1-14-14; Second Read: 1-15-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-22-14; House Higher Education Hearing: 1-28-14

HB 1590

Kelly

Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement: Requires all students attending public institutions of higher education who reside in on-campus housing to have received the meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-27-14

HB 1635

Mims

Student Favoritism: Requires public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on student favoritism.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14

HB 1637

Fitzpatrick

Tuition Rates for Undocumented Individuals: Prohibits public institutions of higher education from offering tuition rates to undocumented individuals that are less than the rate charged to citizens or nationals of the US whose residence is not Missouri. Such students must be charged the same tuition rate as international students.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-29-14

SB 628

Schaaf

Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions: Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, with some exceptions, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 12-13-13; First Read: 1-8-14; Second Read and referred to Senate Education Committee: 1-23-14; Senate Education Hearing: 1-29-14

HB 1206

Wilson

Property Transfer by Higher Education Institutions: Removes the expiration date on the authority of certain public higher education institutions to transfer real property, with some exceptions, without General Assembly authorization.

Bill History: Prefiled: 1-3-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-9-14; House Higher Education Hearing 1-28-14

HB 1442

Dunn

Alpha Phi Alpha Day: Designates December 4 as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day" in Missouri in honor of the first black intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-16-14; Referred to House Tourism and Natural Resources: 1-28-14

HB 1487

Bahr

Reimbursement for Remedial College Courses: Directs DESE to establish a process to allow certain students at colleges and universities to receive tuition reimbursement for remedial college courses. Reimbursement would be deduced from the classroom trust fund.

Bill History: Second Read: 1-21-14; Referred to House Higher Education: 1-29-14
